

Hondo May Lose Train Service

Signs Of Christmas Around Our Town

By Don Wenzl, A-H Ad Man

When laden with wrapped packages, you find yourself waiting in line at the postoffice parcel post window, . . . you know that Christmas is near.

When your mailbox bulges fatter daily with Christmas cards from people you remembered, and people you forgot, . . . you know that Christmas is near.

Or finding in front of every grocery store, spindly, scraggly, well-picked-over trees, you know that Christmas is near, and that you should have bought your tree last week.

And even in the matter of selecting gifts in downtown stores, the busy, busy person shopping at the last moment finds selection less than perfect, but excellent for self-made promises to shop earlier next year.

All around Hondo, house doors are abloom with bright wreaths of holly, and green swags of fir or spruce. At nighttime front-room windows glitter with the soft twinkle of Christmas tree lights, framed in partially drawn drapery.

People you meet on the street look glowingly happy, and all are in a hurry. But not too rushed to stop and wish you a very "Merry Christmas" underlined with a firm handshake.

The college student, home for another Christmas, is taking it for granted, it will always be this way. And maybe in his joy forgetting to treasure his family's Christmas traditions as much as he might, when a future Christmas finds him spending it alone . . . away from family and hometown friends.

Days of activity rush themselves to Christmas Eve, when youngsters toddle off to bed early, some adults go to Midnight Mass, and others stay up late with last minute details while listening to the complete performance of the Messiah and all the other carols.

I don't know what family Christmas traditions you have, but I'll bet you've done a lot of these too.

On the first Sunday of Advent my folks hang the Advent wreath, and light one of the four candles. On the second Sunday of advent we'd light two, and so on through the season.

A few days before Christmas the whole family would help put up and decorate the tree—usually a big Douglas Fir with its starred top brushing the ceiling. And in another corner of the living room we place our nativity scene to which we'd add another statue each year.

"Merry Christmas" in nearly two dozen languages was lip-sticked on the front door glass and front windows. And inside, a portion of one wall was reserved for hanging Christmas cards as they arrived in growing numbers.

There was the Christmas carding, with almost every out of town card requiring a letter. It took a lot of time.

Christmas Eve we'd read the children the Biblical story of Christ's birth by St. Luke as only a physician could tell it. Then Dad would recite "Twas The Night Before Christmas" before he shooed them all off to bed.

As lights flickered off around the neighborhood, Mother's

D'Hanis School Election Held

D'Hanis — Mary Fohn, a junior, was chosen majorette of the 1958 Cowgirls, and Joan Carle, a sophomore, was elected head cheerleader in an election held recently by the D'Hanis Pep Squad. Linda Nester and Norma Nester will be twirlers, while assistant cheerleaders will be Jenalee Lutz, Mary Rodriguez, and Marilyn Finger. Mascots chosen are Madelyn Fohn and Ray Bendele, while Joyce Dean was re-elected flag bearer. Sponsor mothers are Mrs. Herman Fohn, Mrs. Elmer Sprott, Mrs. Thomas Grimsinger and Mrs. Harold Nester.

Announcement of winners was made by Mrs. Jeanice Zinsmeyer pep squad director, at the annual football banquet.

HONDO SUED FOR \$165,000

A suit seeking \$165,000 damages from the city of Hondo was filed in U. S. District court Friday by an employee of a Utah electric construction company.

Plaintiff is Harold E. Schaefer, a resident of Utah employed by the Gross Electrical Construction Co.

Builds Station

According to his suit, his employer, prior to July 19, 1955, was contracted by Hondo to build and install equipment in an electrical substation in Hondo.

It also alleges a verbal agreement was made between the city and his employer there would be no current in the high tension lines connected to the substation while work was underway.

On July 19, 1957, Schaefer declares he climbed a structure which is part of the station on a finishing-up inspection tour.

He claims he had climbed 30 feet when he came in contact with a high tension feeder line carrying 13,000 volts of electricity.

Multiple Injuries

According to his suit, he suffered severe electrical shock and burns and was thrown violently to the ground suffering severe and multiple injuries.

Schaefer alleges the city connected the lines without the knowledge of his employer or any of the employees. He charges this was in violation of the contract and an act of negligence.

— San Antonio Light

Hearing To Be Held On Situation Soon

Hondo may lose the only passenger trains that stop here, which will mean that one will have to go into San Antonio to get on a train to go either east or west, even though the train may then pass right through town.

The Texas and New Orleans Railroad Company has filed application with the Texas Railroad Commission for authority to discontinue its passenger trains Nos. 5-6 between Houston and El Paso.

Announcement that the application had been filed was issued by B. S. Sines, executive vice president of the railroad, and made public by T&NO operating and traffic officers who were here today conferring with local

business leaders concerning the proposal and explaining the reasons necessitating this action.

A SP spokesman said that revenues from these trains have declined steadily since World War II and the losses have now reached an alarming figure. Actual figures which are available on all revenues for the handling of passengers, mail and express show a downward trend in patronage of these trains over the past several years. He said in view of this trend coupled with increased expenses there is no prospect for the trains paying their way.

In their conferences here the T&NO representatives said that with discontinuance of these trains the Post Office Department will arrange for handling of U. S. Mail and that the railroad will cooperate as much as possible in making these arrangements. Some mail is now being handled in regular service on the Sunset Limited.

The Texas Railroad Commission will probably set a hearing on this application early next year at which the railroad will submit up-to-date figures on its operating and other expenses and revenues. Date and location for this hearing will be announced by the Commission and notices given to all communities along the route.

Truck Driver Killed Near LaCoste

The driver of a butane gas truck was killed Friday when his truck was in collision with a Southern-Pacific freight train a mile west of MacDona on the MacDona-LaCoste rd.

Sheriff's deputies identified him as James Olin Hayes, 38, of 306 Kaiser.

No explosion or fire resulted from the crash.

— San Antonio Light



LACING A CANDY CANE on her Christmas tree, Maria Jimenez, is in Hondo to enjoy the holidays. Last spring she was given only three weeks to live.

—Staff Photo

3 Weeks To Live Last March -- Little Maria Defies Doctors

story with a real Christmas for one concerning little Maria Jimenez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcos Jimenez of 17th Street, Hondo.

Last March, Maria was so sick one doctor told her parents she would live only three weeks. Today, nine months and eight days later, the little girl is to enjoy this Christmas and days many more.

Maria's ailment, a faulty heart, began to show up about years ago. She began to swell and her dad said that one could see her dress popping out as her heart pounded.

Last spring she became much sicker and spent some time in a hospital. Fellow members of her dad out at base camp at Hondo Air Base, organized by J. M. House, began

to take up a collection as Jimenez's money was playing out — having taken the child to several city doctors and even down into Mexico for diagnosis. The family also received financial aid from the heart fund and public welfare funds.

Finally she went to an eighth doctor, this one at Children's Hospital in Dallas. A woman, she has treated the youngster, and Maria is apparently on the road to recovery.

Jack Compton has taken the child to Dallas twice and she is due back up there for a check-up after the holidays.

But meantime, she is here to enjoy Christmas. She has made such progress that she is now attending school at Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Said Marcos Jimenez, "There is nothing more wonderful than friends."

Permits have been issued for the drilling of 22 new oil tests in Medina County.

Fourteen of the wells will be drilled in the Taylor-Ina Field about eight miles south of Hondo, seven shallow tests are due in the Chicon Lake Field two miles west of Natalia, and one wildcat oil test will be drilled in the Adams-Medina Gas Field area nine miles west of Devine.

Hanson Oil Co. of Luling will drill the wildcat as the No. 1 Adams Ranch. It is permitted to 2,300 feet and is located on a 2,300-acre lease in J. G. Durst Survey No. 14.

The Chicon Lake tests are all permitted to 460 feet, and are proposed as the Nos. 1 through 7 Ruth M. Taylor, all located in

Permits Issued For 22 New County Oil Tests

the east 18.88 acres of San Antonio Trust Subdivision Lot 18-A, Block 5. They will be drilled 300 feet apart. Upton & Stewart of Moore is the operator.

Bab Oil Co. San Antonio will drill 12 of the Taylor-Ina tests. They are all proposed to 1,000 feet as the Nos. 5-C through 16-C J. N. Wilson, both permitted to a 41.22 acre lease in V. Tschane Survey No. 250.

Seeger & Lamson of Woodboro will drill the other two Taylor-Ina tests as the Nos. 4 and 5 J. N. Wilson, both permitted to 1,100 feet. The No. 5 will be used to inject gas into the field to increase production in wells Nos. 1 through 4. They are all located on a 190-acre lease in Section 343 of the M. Griffin Survey.

Announcement of winners was made by Mrs. Jeanice Zinsmeyer pep squad director, at the annual football banquet.



READY FOR A CHRISTMAS PARTY at school Friday afternoon are these six second graders gathered around the tree in their room. Left to right are Lillian Wilcox, Sandra Walker, Sammy Faseler, Danny Dailey, Ripper Hedge and Dianne Oefinger.

—Staff Photo

Season's Greetings

And to you—our friends—we make a toast for
happiness and well-being during the coming holiday season.
With the deep-felt wish that this may be the merriest, cheeriest
Christmas of them all! And that the coming fifty-two weeks of the
New Year give you and yours health, joy and prosperity.

From Each Of Us At The Anvil Herald

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Berger
Sally Brucks
Quent Larson
Tony Mendoza
Elva Krenmueller
Don Wenzl

Winnie Secrest
Rudy Ytuarte
Alberto Herrera
Gregorio Pedroza
Frank Palacios
Fletcher Davis

And All Of The Correspondents



May the blessings of the season be with you.

Hondo Implement Co.



We wish you all the joys of Christmas.

H&H Service Station

Paul Waner Meets "Poor Fellow" Whose Life TB Dollars Spared

Editor's note: Paul G. Waner, for 20 years a major league baseball player, a member of baseball's Hall of Fame, and now special hitting coach for the Milwaukee Braves, has been a patient in the Southwestern Florida Tuberculosis Hospital in Tampa since Sept. 4. The following article was written at the request of the Sarasota County Tuberculosis Association, and owing to its wide appeal it is being published here.

By Paul G. Waner

Now that necessity has provided me with plenty of time to relax and think, it has gradually dawned on me why I am the unwilling landlord to a case of tuberculosis.

Looking back over the 54 years I have lived to a fullness which sometimes amazes even me, I have finally realized that it is entirely logical that I should be "benched" by tuberculosis.

It is about the only thing that hadn't previously happened to me.

During my lifetime I have been awarded baseball batting championships, scoring honors in college basketball, a few laurels as an amateur boxer, a room full of golf trophies and, in my elementary school days back in Oklahoma, I even managed to perform the unbelievable feat of winning an oratory contest sponsored by the WCTU.

Twice pneumonia almost removed me from the land of the living, once a Chicago hoodlum named Little Augie tried to erase me, I fell from horses while ap-

pearing in Honest Bill Newton's Wild West Show and Circus, I've been attacked by a barricada, on various occasions I have survived airplane mishaps, and back in younger days of saxophone playing I escaped unscathed from attacks by unwilling listeners and music lovers.

I've had my angry pitchers throw at my head with malice in their hearts, I toured angry and active war zones during World War II, I hit a home run off old Grover Cleveland Alexander, and I've even been married twice.

With a record like that there isn't much left for a man to do except get tuberculosis. Now I can boast of having lived a "well-rounded" life. A few more weeks in this hospital and I'll be well-rounded for sure. Food here has already added seven pounds and before long I'll be up to playing weight.

I guess we had a bunch of healthy friends and neighbors out in my part of Oklahoma, because I did not have a personal encounter with tuberculosis until I was 19 years old and playing my first season of professional baseball with the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League.

I had gone to training camp that spring as a pitcher, but a strained shoulder muscle ended my pitching career before the season opened. Still trying to stick with the Frisco club, I went to the outfield and was doing my level best to convince someone that I might make a hitter.

Nobody was much impressed except Jack "Dots" Miller, manager of the Seals. The top brass on the Seals was all for giving me my release before I started

costing them a salary, but Miller had such faith in me that he offered to pay me out of his own pocket if San Francisco would just keep me. Finally in the first month of the season Dots played me in a double-header at Seattle and I got eight hits in 10 times at bat. After that he finally convinced Charley Graham, president of the Seals, that I might make a ball player.

Unfortunately, I never had an opportunity to fully justify the faith Dots placed in me. A month after my debut Dots came into the clubhouse one day and said, "Boys, I'll be saying goodbye. The doctors say I have tuberculosis so I guess this is the end."

That was in 1923 and in those days tuberculosis was as dreaded as cancer is today. I'll never forget the gloom that hung over the locker room the afternoon Dots hung up his spikes for the last time. We were all thinking the same thing. We were all thinking, "This is the end for poor Dots."

His wife took him to Saranac Lake, N.Y., and he died there three months later. I'm glad I had enough consideration for others to write Dots some cheerful letters. Now I'm having my chance to learn how much letters can mean.

Now 34 years have gone by, thousands of dollars have been spent on research and detection, and dedicated men have invested lifetimes in working toward the eradication of tuberculosis. So 34 years later the only similarity between Dots' case and mine is that we both enjoy receiving mail.

Dots was filled with despair and foreboding when he left his home and his ball club to make his one-way trip to the sanatorium. When I left those grand fellows in Milwaukee who were soon to become world champions I was filled with hope.

When Dots walked from the clubhouse 34 years ago we said, "So long, Skipper. God bless you."

When I left the offices of the Milwaukee Braves in August to return to Sarasota and then enter the sanatorium the fellows on the team and the gang in the front office said, "See you next season." The dread was gone from the word "tuberculosis."

Progress? Brother, to the person afflicted with tuberculosis the last 34 years represent real life-saving progress!

Don't get me wrong. I didn't joyfully caper off to this hospital with the same enthusiasm I had when I circled the bases after touching Dizzy Dean for a home run. Tuberculosis is still unpleasant, and, in some cases, tragic. Yet the difference between night and day isn't as great as the difference between lying in a hospital bed filled with despair and lying in that bed filled with hope and the knowledge that some day you will go back out through the front door.

In my case a series of respiratory troubles afflicted me most of last winter and on into the summer. After a bout with pneumonia in Alpine, Texas, in July I returned to Milwaukee and was ordered by the ball club to enter a hospital for a complete check-up.

After spending a few days in the hospital I felt much better and I told the club I was ready to return to work. I made a western trip to visit farm teams in Topeka, Wichita, Salinas and Boise and the afternoon I returned to Milwaukee there was a message to immediately telephone my physician, Dr. Ramlow. He said, "Paul, some problems have come up over your tests and you had better see me the first thing in the morning."

I guess everybody has become cancer-conscious, so the thought, "I'll bet he's found a cancer" was the first one to cross my mind. A sister of mine died of this disease, so I have had some personal contact with it. That was a trouble-filled night and the next morning I was filled with some apprehension as I waited to see the doctor.

After going through this worry it came almost as a relief when he told me I had tuberculosis and that the disease had been uncovered in its earliest stages. However, the news certainly was not welcome. I had waited four years to see the lads I nursed up through the Braves' farm system play in a World Series and it was a blow to miss being a part of that final drive for the pennant, and watching the Series on the television set in my hospital

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Christmas Greetings

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We wish you peace, joy and happiness for Christmas.



MARGUERITE MURRELL

The Flower Shop

1907 Ave Q

MERRY CHRISTMAS 1957



It's good to be back in town and say hello.

Holloway Hardware



Season's Greetings

May the chiming of the joyous Christmas bells, the voices of the choir boys, bring to you again all the warmth of spirit and peace of heart of this glorious season. A Merry Christmas

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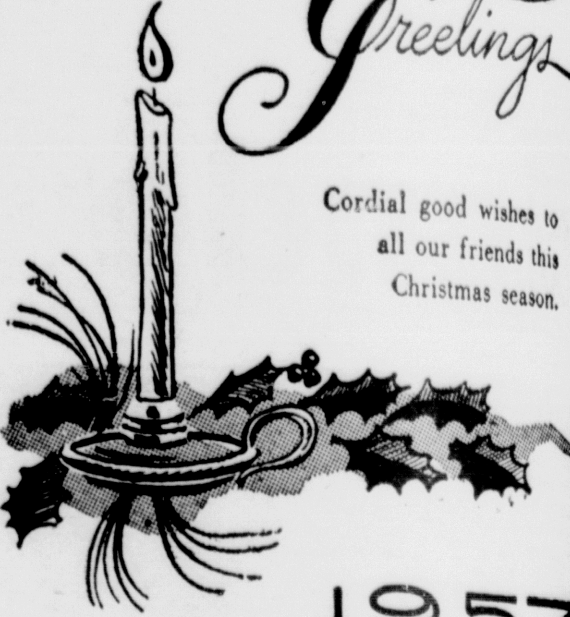


May tidings of great joy be yours.

Fly Drug Company

Season's Greetings

Cordial good wishes to all our friends this Christmas season.



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M. F. SCHWEERS

GULF CONSIGNEE



May the peace and joy of Christmas abide with you throughout the coming year.

BOB KOLLMAN GARAGE

SINCLAIR PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTOR



Make merry, be happy, have fun for this is Holiday time! There's joy in the air, warmth in our hearts—and a very Merry Christmas on our lips.

E. P. Weinberger
"The Store for all Generations"

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REMEMBER WHEN...

10 YEARS AGO

It won't have oodles of tradition behind it and it hasn't the colorful history featured in the Rose, Cotton, Orange and other famous "Bowls". But Medina County has a real treat in store when Hondo and Devine tee-off against each other on the Hondo High Football Field (The Broomcorn Bowl) next Sunday.

Santa Claus decided that Frances Boehle, 10, had written the best letter to Santa. Vera Lee Redus was the weekly winner last week.

Adolph Ahr was installed as President of the LaCoste Herman Sons Lodge, Dec. 14. Herman Jungman was named vice-president. A. Biediger is the new financial secretary and Alex E. Jungman is the recording secretary and treasurer. Trustees are Bernard Hutzler, Henry Zinsmeyer and Howard Bohl.

20 YEARS AGO

Ferd Louis Rothe, on his very first deer hunt, proved himself out of the amateur class when he equalled his father, Judge A. H. Rothe, a seasoned deer-slayer, in the results of a hunt early Saturday morning on their D'Hanis ranch. Father and son each bagged an 8-point buck, Ferd Louis using a high-powered 22 rifle.

FOUND — At Barry Field. A man's finger ring. Owner may claim same by applying at this office, identifying ring and paying for this ad.

DEVINE — Following the confirmation of the sale by the court, Collins Co., the highest bidder in the Adams Company big sale, disposed of several properties this week, as follows: Loggins & Lilly get the big store building which cost \$30,000 when built; the Driscoll Lumber Co. bought the big brick Lumber Yard and \$3,500 stock; Messrs. Cott, Wiseman and Jack West, Laverna Bankers, bought the \$7,000 Sheller and it will be operated here.

30 YEARS AGO

Hondo will vote on incorporation on Saturday, January 28, 1928 at the Court House in Hondo.

A hunting party, out one day, consisting of Gus Rothe, Elmer Leinweber, Dr. O. B. Taylor, Homer Wilson and Travis Mansell, hunting on Mr. Rothe's ranch northwest of Hondo, was very lucky, each man getting a buck. The horns ranged from four points to ten points. Dr. Taylor killed the ten-pointer. The five deer will furnish plenty Christmas venison.

CASTROVILLE — The weather during the past week was very changeable, first cold then drizzling, shortly followed by the coldest spell of the season.

LACOSTE — Mr. and Mrs. Albert Meehler and family of the Sanz were visiting Willie Ehlinger and family, who are living on Joe Schmidt's place south of Devine, Sunday. Mr. Meehler brought a branch from an orange bush on the Schmidt place, which he showed us Monday, the branch was loaded down with nice oranges. He says the trees are bending over with fruit, which goes to show that the orange can be grown here and in our immediate territory as well as in the Rio Grande Valley if properly cultivated.

40 YEARS AGO

QUIHI — Mr. Jacob Saathoff, a member of the "Quihi Water Works" is still on the waterwagon. He is having hard luck as he has to haul water for his stock and family to use, even for his Ford. This sounds bad, but Mr. Saathoff is still wearing his 2 x 4 smile — Ha, Ha!

Caushev Horger, Asbel Gilliam and Victor Neuman, A&M boys, came in on Wednesday mornings, "Jitney" to spend Christmas holidays with home-folks.

Rev. J. T. Horger will preach in Nazarene Church Sunday night, the 23rd, at 7 o'clock. Subject, "Noteworthy historic and symbolic facts relative to the site, city and Temple of the Ancient Jews, lately captured by the Allies" — A most profound study. The public is invited.

50 YEARS AGO

Be careful with your fireworks. Remember Hondo is practically without fire protection and a firecracker thrown in the wrong place might cause a fire which might destroy thousands of dollars worth of property.

On Dec. 2, about 9 or 10 o'clock Monday morning, Toby and John Koch and their nephew, Herman Koch, witnessed a strange phenomenon, thought to be a daylight meteor on the hills just west of their place. It was brilliant with a light brighter than the sun, and took sufficient time in its flight through the air to be plainly seen. They hunted for it where they thought it fell but could find no trace of it.

CASTROVILLE — Messrs. Nelson and Mueller opened their new bakery last Tuesday and are turning out the finest quality of bread and cakes.



PERSONAL APPEARANCE

BY JERRY JUNE BERGER

It seems we should have placed a "to be continued" at the conclusion of our story concerning LUCY (MRS. HOMER) WILSON last week. Perhaps you recall that the last we had heard, she had purchased a Christmas tree, lost it on the way home, retraced her drive back to the store but to no avail.

We saw her Friday and she told us that the tale didn't end there, as she recovered her lost tree. By coincidence, the driver of the delivery truck from the same store at which she purchased the tree, happened along and found the pretty spruce in the street, picked it up and took it back to the store. When he reported in with the news of his "find", clerks knew exactly who had lost it.

We'll be there's not another tree in Hondo with a history to compare with the one this one has.

While talking with LUCY we heard another amusing anecdote. Her second grade class at Meyer Elementary School had been discussing Christmas presents and JOHN EDWARD PRICE suggested that she might like a Stauffer couch for Christmas.

She commented, to him, that he had really fixed himself up with her — hinting that she was fat and needed to reduce. But he had a hasty reply, "Oh, they are not just for reducing. They are for relaxin' too."

So he got himself out of that one.

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Fourth and fifth graders at Lacy Elementary presented a Christmas program Friday morning with each section of the two grades participating.

Tall Texan Versus Squatty Automobile

"The Tall Texan versus the squatty modern automobile" has been taken into considerations by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Statistical information, compiled by the department shows that the average male Texan really is tall, while his female counterpart is short and not so heavy.

The figures released by the department's Statistical Services will be used by a leading manufacturer of automobiles to determine an important factor in driving safety — vision and seating attitude of today's and tomorrow's automobile driver.

A breakdown of information showing the body measurements of persons licensed to operate motor vehicles in Texas points out that almost 24 per cent of the adult male Texans are six feet tall and that ten per cent of the total male adult drivers in this state weigh over 200 pounds.

According to the report, the average male adult driver is five-feet ten inches tall and weighs between 160 and 179 pounds. The average adult female driver in Texas is five-feet four-inches tall and weighs between 120 and 139 pounds.

In measurement extremes, only 1.5 per cent of adult male drivers are under five-feet four-inches tall, while 78.1 per cent are five-feet eight-inches or over. The female heights are a different situation in that 87.8 per cent are between five-feet two-inches and five-feet eight-inches.

All of the information in the report included the measurements of male and female Texas drivers 20 years of age and older.

There were songs, poems, plays and a tableau.

One of the fourth grade classes had a play entitled "The Queen's Christmas Pudding" which was supposed to have occurred in days of old when knights roamed the forests of England hunting their game with bow and arrow.

Out on a hunt, the king, played by MIKE HOUSE, and some knights were about ready to dine on a meal prepared by their cook, OLIN GILLIAM. OLIN prepared a stew, but the "prop" that caught our eye was a jar of instant coffee among his food supplies.

And here we've been under the impression that instant coffee was a fairly recent innovation.

PA

ANN (MRS. GEORGE) GILBERT was an unusual Christmas greeting for her family this year. Instead of sending cards, she phoned people on her list and started her night time call by saying, "GEORGE and I, GIL JANE, MARGARET and NANCY want to wish you a Merry Christmas." And that was one of the most refreshing greetings we had the pleasure of receiving this holiday season.

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For those people in faraway places, the sound of the voice of someone near and dear is always most welcome. FATHER BRIAN CROOKES of St. John's Catholic Church sent his Christmas greetings to his folks in Ireland by tape recorder this year. If FATHER CROOKES has become Texanized, we wonder how "Merry Christmas, you all" sounds in his wonderful Irish brogue.

CHRISTMAS ODDITIES

Norwegian farmers give their cattle tubs of home-brewed ale on Christmas Eve.

At midnight of Christmas Eve, people in Madrid eat 12 grapes for good luck the coming year.

There are 175 different kinds of Holly.

Christmas has been celebrated on more than 100 different days in various parts of the world.

Christopher Columbus and his men landed on the coast of Cuba on Dec. 25, 1492 naming the point Navidad.

George Washington crossed the Delaware and made a successful attack on the Hessian troops at Trenton, N.J. on Christmas Day, 1776.

Oliver Cromwell and his Puritan followers abolished Christmas day in England, banning all feasting and fun. The ban lasted for seven years and was lifted when Charles II became king.

The needy are considered in Hungary at Christmastime, a levy being assessed against richer citizens so the poor may have sufficient to eat and drink.

Holly on Christmas cards denotes a warm welcome. The Romans hung sprigs of Holly over their doorways to signify their house was open to everyone.

In Old England, the Yule Candle was given a place of honor on the supper table and burned continually for 12 days. Pieces of the candle were treasured as symbols of good luck.

Hanging of stockings is a custom begun by Dutch settlers who felt so much gratitude for their peace of heart they placed toys and sweets in their children's shoes. Later, stockings were used.

fletcher davis

"I ordered the driver to lash the mules and at the crack of the whip the half-wild animals dashed forward at full speed. We approached the men under full headway, and nothing but a volley of bullets could have stopped the team on that incline. When passing the party we noticed that only six men were in sight, but when they saw our strength and that we were prepared, they abstained from making any threatening movement. Those inside the stage greeted them, saying 'We are behind time. We are in a hurry. We can't stop.' But the baffled out-laws made no response and we dashed onward until they were lost to view."

"The faces of the six men were fully exposed, but we passed so quickly none of them could be recognized. Later they were all identified, but it is wrong to circulate harmful reports about the dead by naming them and equally cruel to their families. It is sufficient that I eluded them through the aid of friends and I shall never cease to be grateful for their interest in my welfare on that occasion. If they had not forewarned me of the danger I would not have been on my guard when the would-be thieves waylaid me, and as all my passengers were brave men they would not have submitted quietly to being robbed, consequently the incident might have had a tragic ending instead of terminating as it did in a farce."

"Mr. Gilbeau once had an experience with highwaymen in the Paso de la Laza, near the Sabinas River, in Mexico, and his cool, determined action on that occasion brought about desired results. The ambulance he was on was stopped by ladrones and they surrounded it, but before they could commence their depredations Mr. Gilbeau dropped two of them in rapid succession, with a double barrel shot-gun, and the others ran away."

"Mr. Garza was credited with an equally resolute character and his bravery was never questioned. He was the youngest of three brothers that were members of a prominent family in San Antonio. They possessed equally fearless natures and all, at one time, held commissions in the Mexican army, but when Major Adolph Garza was killed in a duel by Colonel Henrico Mejia in 1867, Captain Juan Garza and Lieutenant Fernando Garza resigned."

"It fell to my lot to bear the sad news of Major Garza's death to his family, and I became acquainted with the following pathetic incident that preceded the tragedy. Under the influence of a presentment that the encounter would result fatally to himself he was impressed to write letters to his mother and relatives containing his last messages. These he enclosed in a mourning envelope, which he addressed and placed in his desk with a note expressing an earnest entreaty that the package should be delivered to his people in San Antonio, Texas. The package was given to me in Monterey, with the request that I would deliver it to the grief-stricken

mother, and I performed the duty, with a sorrowful heart.

"Mr. Fernando Garza married after he resigned from the army, and died a few years later, but his widow survives and she still conducts a respectable restaurant in San Antonio which she opened twenty-five years ago. Captain Juan Garza also returned to Texas after resigning from the army, and was appointed assistant city marshal of San Antonio in 1868, which position he has since filled, almost continuously, to the satisfaction of the public up to the present time.

End of Chapter VIII;

Starting Chapter IX.

"The only time that I came in actual contact with robbers in Mexico was in 1868, on one of my trips when returning from Monterey. It was brought about by a favor I extended to a man I found on foot in an uninhabited country, by inviting him to take a seat in the stage. The only passengers with me in the coach were Dr. Felix, of Monterey, and Antonio Rivers, of San Antonio, the father-in-law of Dr. Chapa, the druggist, and I was accompanied by my usual guard and the driver. As day was breaking we were at the foot of the table mountain known as Mesa de

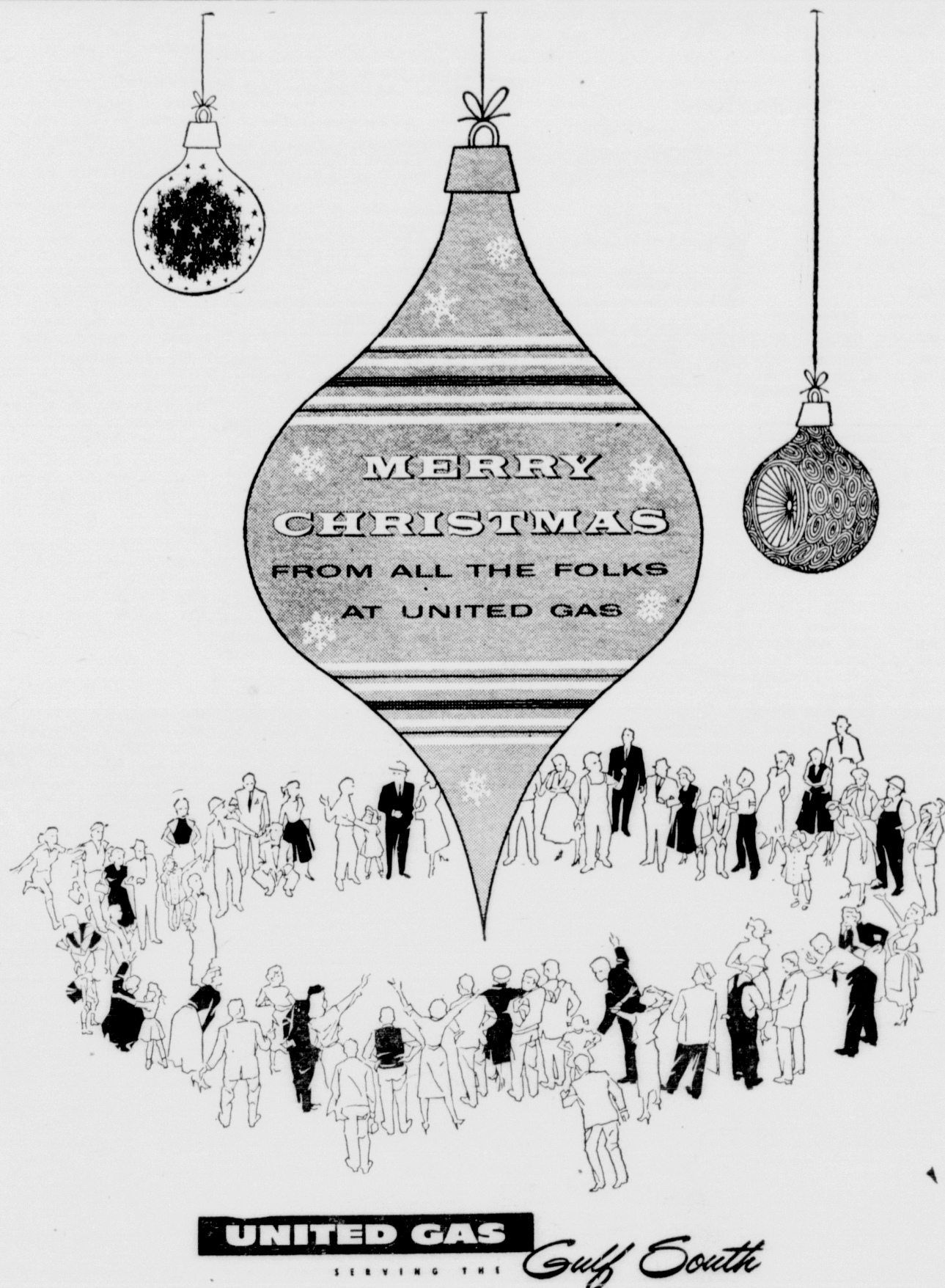
Vidaurri, about twenty miles northeast of Lampazos, that is also called Mesa de los Cartuhanes.

"The country in that vicinity was a sterile region, and I was surprised when Alex Gross, my driver from Lampazos to Santa Monica, called my attention to the form of a solitary man on foot a short distance ahead of us. The presence of a lonely human being in that locality was unusual, and it was very remarkable to find one there at any time, in his condition. Thinking that the man was in distress I stopped the stage and got out to speak to him.

He was a well-dressed Mexican, his form was manly, and I was favorably impressed by his appearance. I inquired if any misfortune had happened to him and offered my services.

"He seemed to be pleased at the interest I manifested, and very politely informed me that he was there because his horse had broken loose and run away, also that his men were in pursuit of him on the road leading to the Rio Grande. I inquired if the man would return to that place the way they had gone. He answered, 'Yes, because there is no other road they

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1. FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Five Border Collie pups, excellent breeding, \$20 males, \$15 females. George Ilse, HA 6-2142. (2tc52)

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FOR SALE IN Castroville: Two bedroom home like new. Thomas Hoog, Phone 159. (tf49)

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FOR a good deal on a '58 Ford with 300 H.P. see Ray Jungman. Phone 32, Castroville, Texas. (1tc46)

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8. MISCELLANEOUS

PICTURE MOLDING — New shipment arrived. 50 varieties. Frames made to order. Geo. Neuman, 1305 Ave. K. (3tp50)

IF YOU WANT to drink that's your business. If you want to stop that's our business. P. O. Box 134, Alcoholics Anonymous. (tf16)

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Try a Vapo-Swat, Jr., America's most wanted insect control. Call at 1105 Ave. M or Phone HA 6-2250. Mrs. Annie Bohmfalk. (tf27)

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Medina County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2, D'Hanis, Texas.

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS OF THE MEDINA COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT No. 2, Medina County, Texas.

Notice is hereby given, that an election will be held in the Medina County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2, in Medina County, Texas, on Tuesday the 14th day of January 1958, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of electing three (3) directors for said District, the Medina County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2.

The three (3) Directors elected at such election shall serve for a term of two (2) years each.

Notice of candidacy for such office must be filed with the Secretary of said District in the District office in the A. J. Finger building, D'Hanis, Texas, not later than December 27th, 1957.

The polling place of said election will be at the A. J. Finger building in D'Hanis, Texas, and the following persons have been appointed officers of said election: Clements Finger, Presiding Judge; Herman Ney, Associate Judge & Clayton Nester, Clerk. Issued on this the 17th day of December, 1957, pursuant to an order passed by the Board of Directors of the Medina County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2, on the 17th day of December 1957.

Signed, by R. F. Wolff, President, Board of Directors, Medina County Water Control and Imp. District No. 2.

Attest: Signed J. B. Nester, Secretary, Board of Directors Medina County Water Control and Imp. Dist. No. 2. Dec. 17, 1957. (3tc51)

Card of Thanks

Our heartfelt thanks to all who and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, memorials and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful. Especially do we thank the Rev. Benorden and the choir of the Castroville Lutheran Church. The family of Mrs. Anna Weiblen (1tp52)

9. REGULAR MEETING

Hondo City Lodge No. 756 A. F. & A. M.

Meetings on 2nd Monday each month at 7:30 p. m.

Visitors Welcome. Jack R. Garrison, W. M. O. L. Moss, Sec.

MASONIC NOTICE

Sabinal Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 943, at Lodge State Bank, at 8 p. m. on the first Thursday evening of each month. All Master Masons fraternally invited. Practice instruction every Wednesday night. Carrol McCauley Worshipful Master Gene Ilse Secretary

MEETING NOTICE:

Rainbow Girls meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays at Masonic Hall Hondo, Texas 7:30 p. m. (tf31)

LaCoste News

By Mrs. Ida Jungman

The Milton Salzmanns are looking forward to a white Christmas. They leave Monday for Griggsville Ill. where they will spend Christmas and New Years with Mrs. Salzmann's mother, Mrs. Elmer Cheney, and her sisters, Mrs. Clyde Uruen and family of Griggsville, the Ray Williams of Meredosia, Ill., the Lindell Stillwells of Hardin and the Bob Hardins of Peoria. On their way back to Texas they will stop to visit Mrs. Salzmann's father, Wes Ralafor of Dexter, Mo.

The children are looking forward to both the train ride and lots of snow.

Happy Birthday

Sharon Wurzbach, Dec. 28
Mrs. Benjamin Wiemers, Dec. 29

Mrs. Clifton Schott, Dec. 30
Linda and Laura Moss, Dec. 30
Darlene Boehme, Dec. 30
Mrs. Marlin Mechler, Dec. 30
Judy Leinweber, Dec. 30
Ronda Sue Graff, Dec. 30
Larry Charles Boehle, Dec. 31
John J. Sturm, Dec. 31
Glenn Richard Strum, Dec. 31
Gary Hutzler, Jan. 1

Marvin B. Muennink, Jan. 1
Karen Sue Boehle, Jan. 2
R. Edward Wurzbach, Jan. 2
Mrs. E. H. Hartman, Jan. 2
Cordell Bohlen, Jan. 2
Robert Stolte, Jan. 2

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could travel." As our route lay in that direction and we should be sure to meet the men, I invited him to take a seat in the coach and ride with us. He accepted my invitation with seeming pleasure, and after he, with his belongings, together with those of his six men, were stored on the stage, we resumed our journey.

"We entered into sociable conversation with our passen-

ger and he was equally friendly and polite, but he never gave me a chance to question him about himself. We all talked freely to him, but he had very little to say, and evidently he did not know much about the country or what was going on in Lampazos and other small towns near the frontier. His reticence with reference to himself was noticed, but our conversation was agreeable and we traveled very pleasantly about eighteen miles before we saw the horse-hunters approaching in the distance.

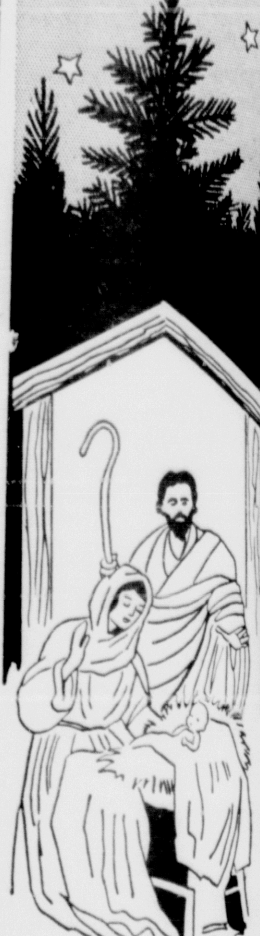
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County Supt. of Schools |
| EMIL BRITSCH
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| R. J. NOONAN
County Atty. | CHARLES SWEATT
Comm., Precinct 4, Devine |

Our Christmas Greeting to you has been paid for individually by each of the above listed officials.

Austin

Things have been popping under the State Capitol dome throughout 1957.

Tops among the stories that kept the Capitol newsroom tele-types jangling were:

WATER PROBLEMS — Floods, tornadoes and hurricanes brought 10 years of drouth to a close. Reservoirs then filled to 91 per cent of capacity — a two-years supply. But Lampasas, Dallas, Silverton, and other towns added up damage toll of more than \$100,000,000. Pasture flourished, but many crops washed away or rotted. Water's importance couldn't be ignored. Result: Legislature passed two major measures. People approved \$200,000,000 bond-selling amendments for water conservation projects.

2. ICT FAILS — BenJack Cage became a household word after the crash of an empire he had built with heavy investments from organized labor. Losses were estimated at \$4,500,000. Two legislative committees and two grand juries spent months trying to untangle ICT's fantastic history. Cage was indicted. After his return from South America, he was convicted on embezzlement charges and still faces trial on other indictments.

3. EX-OFFICIALS ENMESHED — Former Insurance Commissioners J. Byron Saunders and Garland Smith, were accused of receiving money from ICT while they were in office. Both were indicted on perjury charges. Trials are pending.

4. INSURANCE REORGANIZATION — Texas insurance regulation must start over with a "clean slate," declared Gov. Price Daniel shortly after taking office. Over strong opposition he pushed the insurance reorganization bill through the Legislature. It enabled him to appoint new officials to the battle-scarred department.

But more static developed in the special sessions. Senate tried to oust the new commissioner, William A. Harrison. Attorney General's opinion said they had no say-so over Harrison's appointment. However, the Insurance Department still faces continued critical surveillance from disgruntled senators.

5. COX CONVICTED — Things talked about for years erupted into the open with the sensational resignation, indictment and conviction of Rep. James E. Cox of Conroe. A tape recording of a conversation between Cox and a Naturopathic Association leader was the prime evidence used to back up a charge that Cox had agreed to accept a \$5,000 bribe. This provided extra fuel for the reform drive. A code of ethics and lobby registration laws were passed.

6. NEW SEGREGATION LAW — East Texas legislators put plenty of steam behind proposals designed to preserve local authority over school segregation. Futile filibusters caused delays, but five bills were passed. They'll probably be in the news again as opponents bring them to tests in courts.

7. OIL SAGS — Violent fluctua-

tions in Texas oil production gave everyone the jitters. Pressure from the Suez Canal crisis forced production allowable to an all-time high of 18 producing days in March. But Suez reopened and foreign oil came flooding back into the U.S.A. Texas' allowable had tumbled to 13 producing days by July, skidded to an all-time-low of 12 in September. President's order for voluntary import cuts brought some hope.

8. RAIDS — Attorney General Will Wilson padlocked Galveston gambling houses with less repercussion on the Pleasure Isle's economy than expected. Latest Wilson raids rounded up naturists on charges of violating the Medical Practices Act.

9. RUN-OFFS DECREED — Almost forgotten now is the furor over the Pool Bill to require a run-off in special elections. Ralph Yarborough became junior U. S. senator in an oldstyle one-shot election. Then the Legislature passed a bill requiring run-off didn't make black headlines, but it troubled men in high places. By the end of the second special session, the Legislature had scraped the bottom of the state treasury. Comptroller predicted the state would be \$12,000,000 in the red by 1959. Depressed oil, a prime tax source, and extra sessions contributed to the problem. But most people agreed that Texas was bursting its fiscal seams from inevitable growth. A special Tax Study Commission is studying the issue over-all. Overseers say new taxes are un-

MORE INSURANCE WOES — Texas insurance world is "all shook up" again. Fuse was re-lit when the Senate investigating committee announced it had uncovered a \$2,000 gift from a company president, to an Insurance Department employee. Sen. Charles Herring of Austin, committee chairman, called a new round of hearings.

Insurance Commissioner William A. Harrison fired the employee, Examiner J. W. Pierson, who had been with the department 24 years. He demanded removal of the company president, John L. McCarty of Estate Life Ins. Co., Amarillo. McCarty resigned.

Estate officials swung back, threatened to sue the department. They contend the company was reinsurance contract taking over policies of the bankrupt Physicians Life.

Harrison also took aim at another company, United General Life of Dallas. Hearing is set for Dec. 31 in which the company must prove "competence, fitness and reputation" of its officers or lose license.

Largent Parks, who came under Senate committee fire earlier, resigned as president of Preferred Life of Dallas. Insurance Department had made Parks' removal mandatory for company's continued existence.

GILES PAROLE DENIED — Former Land Commissioner Bascom Giles faces another year in the State Prison at Huntsville. The Board of Pardons voted 2 to

1 against recommending clemency. More than 100 Austin Citizens, four ministers and Giles' family presented pleas to the board.

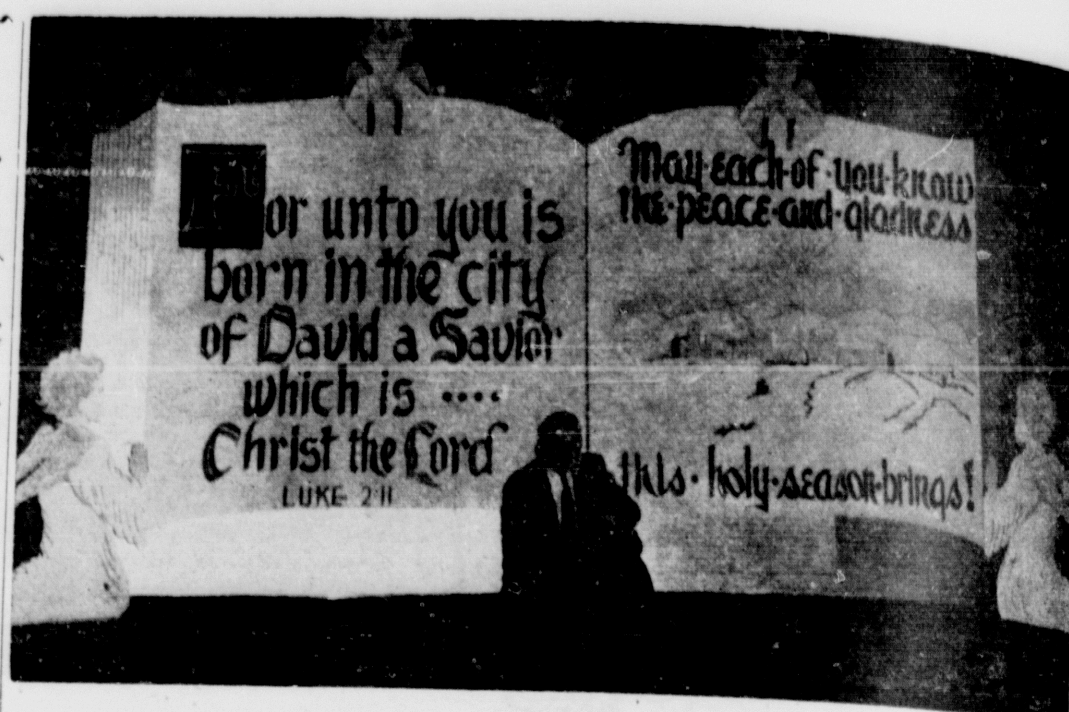
Giles began serving a six-year term for his part in veterans land program frauds in January, 1956. As a model prisoner and trusty, he can complete the sentence by January, 1959. His case has come up twice for review by the Pardons Board. Each time it has been rejected on grounds a pardon might "depreciate the seriousness of the offense."

RESERVOIRS URGED — Construction of new reservoirs should have first priority in state water planning, say engineers.

Some 25 consulting engineers from over the state met with the Water Board to help get the new planning program rolling. It authorizes the first state effort at topographic mapping since the 1920's. Since there's not enough money to map everywhere, engineers urged mapping areas where reservoirs are needed.

Retiring Board Member H. A. Beckwith will direct the mapping. Beckwith was hired by the board as a \$1,000-a-year engineer.

SHORT SNORTS — Back in business is the veterans land program after selling \$12,500,000 in bonds at 2.695 per cent interest. Applications are being mailed to the first thousand of the 22,700 veterans on the waiting list. Harold E. Selke will become chief examiner of the Insurance Department on Jan. 1. Commissioner William A. Harrison said Selke will replace E. B. Kelley who will remain with the department "if he so desires."



VERSATILE FRANK TATE, bookkeeper at Medina Electric Co-Op, is shown with the huge Christmas greeting he created for the decoration of the building.

ing in west Hondo. It is worth a drive out to see.
—Cut Courtesy Medina Electric News

New Cars Registration

Bud Tomblin, BigFoot, Chevrolet pick-up.
Delton Ray Davidson, Pleasanton, Chevrolet 4-dr.
Mrs. Ray L. Jennings, Hondo, Chevrolet 4-dr.
L. F. Black, Utopia, Buick 2-dr.
Reed Candle Co., SA, Buick Cpe.
Claude F. A. Giddings, Hondo, Chevrolet Sta. Wag.
L. D. Losure, Somerset, Pontiac cpe.
Jo Lebold Wood, Hondo, Buick 4-dr.
James A. Forester, SA, Buick 4-dr.
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John Wood Billings, SA, Chevrolet 4-dr.

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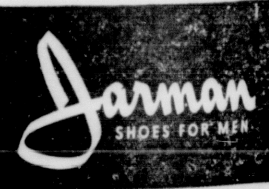
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Real Estate Transfers

Ed. N. Ruff, et ux to H. F. Wells et ux, warranty deed to 200 acres \$10 etc.
James M. Ratliff, et ux to Leo H. Schneider, warranty deed to part of Lot 3, Block 63, Hondo, \$10 etc.
James P. Settles, et al to Lila Ruth Sumrall, warranty deed to 73 acres, \$10 etc.
Raymond Jungman, et ux to Nolan E. Wilson, warranty deed with vendor's lien to part of Lot 2, Block 5, New City Block 78, Devine, \$10 etc.
Ben Haby, et ux to Fred Bader, warranty deed with vendor's lien to 27.3 acres about 8 miles south-east of Hondo, \$1.638.
James P. Settles et al to Lila Ruth Sumrall, warranty deed to 73.83 acres near Devine, \$10 etc.
Alexandro Dandoval et ux to Edward Rangel et ux, warranty deed to Lot 2, Block 2, LaCoste, \$450.
J. W. Short, Jr. et ux to Margaret Short Evans, deed of conveyance to 480 acres, \$10 etc.
Vernor P. King et ux to David G. Sanchez, warranty deed to Lot 8, Block 2, School addition, Hondo, \$10 etc.
William C. McCoy et ux to Mamie R. Dunn, warranty deed with vendor's lien to Lot 17, 18, Block 5, Nataliz, \$3000.
A. G. Dubose et ux to T. J. Mason et ux, warranty deed to parcel of land, \$10 etc.
City of Castroville to Dell's Produce, warranty deed to two tracts of land, \$10 etc.
Dora M. Bader to Marion H. Tschirhart et ux, warranty deed to part of Lots 1 and 2, Block 12, Range 8, Castroville, \$10 etc.
Fabian D. Garrison et ux to Marcellus R. Garrison, deed to 1006.58 acres, Gift.
Fabian D. Garrison et ux to Betty Ann Jordan, deed to 6.58 acres and 1000 acres, Gift.
Grayson Mitchell McFadden et ux to Roy Elder, deed to Lot 8, Block 7, Range 3, Castroville, \$10 etc.

Here in Hondo

Faye Rath is visiting her sister and family M&M Franklin Christopher in Connecticut and New Jersey for the Christmas holidays.



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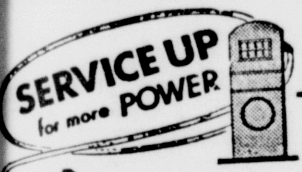
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WHEN SCENES SUCH AS THIS appear, can Christmas be far behind? Decorating their second grade school room door at Meyer Elementary School are these three students of Mrs. Homer Wilson. Telling Lee Anne Riff just how to hang a snowman are Steven Strouhal, left and John Edward Price, right.



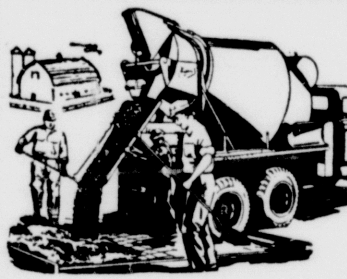
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IN EL PASO CEREMONY**

Sgt. Antonio O. Hernandez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Esteban Hernandez of Hondo, and Miss Mary Lou Dominguez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ysidro Dominguez of Ysleta, were married Saturday morning, November 30, at The Guardian Angel Church in El Paso. Rev. Nevada officiated.

Sgt. Hernandez graduated from Hondo High School in May, 1953. He enlisted in the Air Force in June 1953, serving four years. He has re-enlisted to make the Air Force his career.

The bride is a native of Ysleta, and graduated from Ysleta High School, 1955.

The couple will make their home in El Paso after a honeymoon trip to Monterey, and a visit with the folks in Hondo.

**Castroville Girls
In Dress Review**

Six girls from St. Louis High School participated in a recent "Dress Review" sponsored by the three F. H. A. Chapters at Providence High School in San Antonio.

Mary Ethel Corder, Kathleen Lutz and Betty Boehme entered the tailored dress division. Mary Estelle Schott, Frances Naegelin and Patsy Keller entered the tailored suits division.

Frances Naegelin received honorable mention for her two piece garment of brown tweed.

Those attending the show were Sister Noemi, Sister Caroline, Barbara Jungman, Janice Haby and Ida Tschirhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keller and Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Naegelin furnished the transportation.

The f. h. a. of St. Louis had a Christmas party on Dec. 17, for the F. H. A. members and their sponsor Sister Noemi. They had refreshments and exchanged gifts.

**Engagement
Announced**

Mrs. Eudelia O. Barrientes announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her granddaughter Mary Elva to Jose Gamboa.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. Jenovevo Hernandez of Castroville. She attended the Hondo schools. Jose is a graduate of the 1956 class of Natalia High School and is now in the U. S. Navy.

Their wedding date has been set for December 27th at Our Lady Guadalupe Church.

The bride-elect was honored with a miscellaneous shower Friday night at her home. There were approximately 35 guests who attended. Refreshments of Christmas cookies, cake and hot chocolate were served. Hostesses for the event were: Janie Herrera, Eva Gutierrez, Ira Morin, Mrs. Hereta Garcia, and Mrs. Ofilia Gamboa.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Admittances:

Isabel Coronado, tonsillectomy, Dec. 18.

Clayton Nester, medical, Dec. 18.

Mrs. C. W. Bullard, medical, Dec. 18.

Adelino Gauna, surgery, Dec. 20.

Thelma Gomez, Tonsillectomy, Dec. 21.

Mrs. Teresa Gonzales, medical, Dec. 17.

Mrs. L. A. Mechler, medical, Dec. 21.

Mrs. Lucy Ytuarte, medical, Dec. 22.

Mrs. George Muenink, medical, Dec. 19.

Roberto Reyes, surgery, Dec. 21.

NEW BABIES

Elida, to M&M Eulalio Camacho on Dec. 18. 8 lbs. 10 ozs.

Rose Mary, to M&M Emilio Gonzales on Dec. 21. 6 lbs. 4 ozs.

Brenda Dawn, to M&M Jimmy Carrol Lineham on Dec. 22. 8 lbs. 10 ozs.

**Castro Decorating
Winners Announced**

Mrs. Richard Brieden, president of the Castro Garden Club has announced the winners in the Display Contest sponsored jointly by the City Council and the Castro Garden Club. There were twenty-two entries and twelve were awarded prizes.

The winners in the four classes were as follows: Commercial division; 1st place, Mary Mueller Rest Home; 2nd place, Castroville Clinic; 3rd place, Rose Floral Shoppe; Door or Window division: 1st place, Mrs. E. J. Conrad; 2nd place, Mrs. G. G. Gillette; 3rd place, Mrs. Jack Mathis; religious theme, out-door display: 1st place, Mrs. Harold Meyer; 2nd place, Pat and Kathie Lafferty; 3rd place, St. Louis School; non-religious theme, out-door display: 1st place, Mrs. Victor Tondre; 2nd place, Mrs. Charles L. Suehs; 3rd place, Castroville Elementary Public School.

The entries were judged by Mesdames J. A. Golden, J. R. Gunn and George Heermans. They were presented miniature Christmas trees by the Garden Club. The display of the Castro Garden Club on September Plaza did not enter the competition.

**Services For
Mrs. Heyen
Saturday 21st**

Mrs. Lydia L. Heyen, 82, died last Thursday morning, December 19. She was the widow of Willie Heyen and had lived in Hondo for the past 20 years.

Mrs. Heyen was born April 20, 1875 near New Braunfels, Texas where she lived most of her life. She was the daughter of early Comal countians, Jacob Heyen and Katherina (George) Heyen.

Survivors include three sons: Harry J. Heyen of New Braunfels, Roy Heyen of New York, Leslie R. Heyen of Hondo; a daughter, Mrs. Alfred Boehle, of Quhi, ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 21, from Horger Funeral Home and New Fountain Methodist Church with the Rev. Hornung officiating. Mrs. Heyen was buried in Quhi cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Merlin Heyen, Erwin Bohmfalk, Franklin Muenink, Horace Schweers, Chester Balzen and Clarence Simon.



Christmas is a time of peace and boundless good will. Our cordial good wishes to all.

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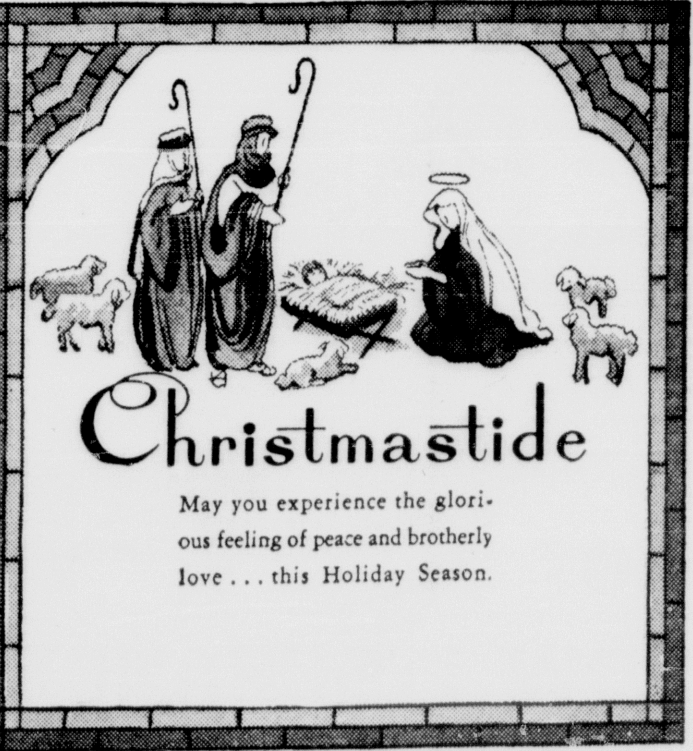
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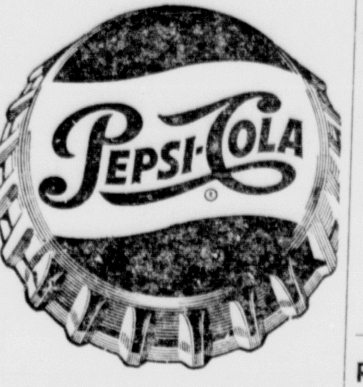
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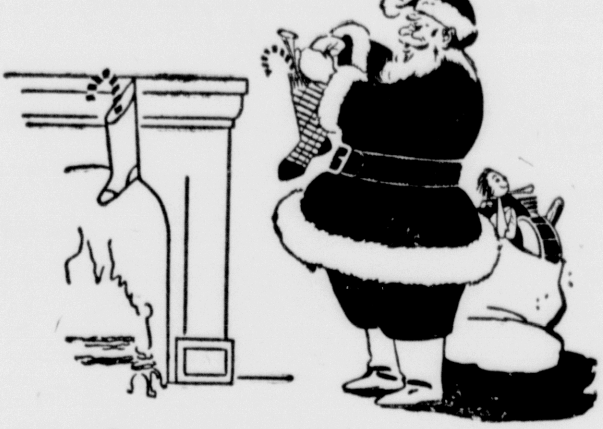
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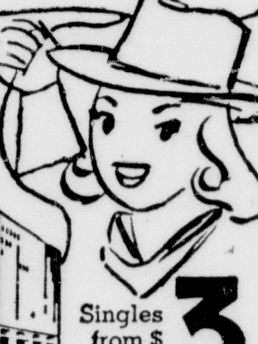
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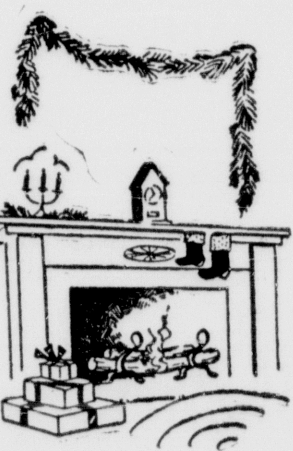
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

"LA JUSTICIA DEL LOBA"

DISABLED WORKERS URGED TO APPLY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY

Severely disabled workers 50 to 65 years of age who could qualify for the new social security disability benefits which became payable last July, will lose some of their monthly payments if they do not apply to their social security district offices before January 1, 1958, announced John D. Palmer, district manager of the San Antonio social security office today.

Qualified workers who make application for disability insurance benefits before the end of December can be paid benefits back as far as the month of July, Palmer said. After December, no back benefits can be paid.

To be eligible for social security disability insurance benefits between 50 and 65 years of age, a worker must have a disability

so severe that he cannot do any substantial gainful work. In addition, he must have social security credit for at least 5 out of the 10 years before he became disabled, including at least a year and a half out of the 3 years just before his disability began.

For those who meet the requirements, disability benefits can begin with the 7th month of disability, but no earlier than July 1957, the first month for which the new benefits became payable. Mr. Palmer points out, however, payments to disabled persons who apply for these benefits after December 31 of this year may begin no earlier than the month in which their applications are received, no matter how long they have been disabled.



There is an old saying about winter fishing separating the men and the boys. The men stay home by the fire and the boys go out.

Well, that isn't exactly true any more. Many Texans have learned that some of the finest fishing is had during the cold months.

Also there is a new kind of fishing. Men work at fishing nowadays. They don't just set out trot lines or a few cane poles and let the fish do the work.

Today they get in fast boats and whip out across the fine lakes of Texas. They've learned new tricks for making fish hit the bait. Also they have learned how to find these fish.

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For instance, right now there is wonderful white bass fishing. They are caught trolling and with minnows, still fishing. Most of the fun, however, is in following the gulls to find these fish.

Follow the Gulls

This is an old trick on the coast. Fishermen down there for years have followed the gulls, especially in finding trout schools. Now they are doing the same thing on Texas lakes.

It is necessary to have a rugged boat and a motor with enough power to put you there in a hurry. The custom is to work around the lake until you find a flock of gulls. Watch them and you'll find a place where you can load the boat down with these sandies.

As a rule one gull flies low over the water. When the white bass start chasing shad and the shad surface, the fun begins.

Other gulls nearby watch this searcher and when they see it has found the shad, they all join in and swoop down on the water.

That's the time you want to drop anchor and start jigging. Some call it jigging and others have still other names for it. Anyway, the process is simple. You want a light action rod, capable of responding to the lightest action on the part of the fish.

Using Spinning Reels
Perhaps spinning equipment is best for this purpose.

We drop our lures to the bottom, reel them back a turn or two and then start a tantalizing vibration of the rod, by raising and lowering the tip slightly, mostly with wrist movement. Sandies strike on the down movement of the lure. For that reason if your upward movement is too quick or severe you'll probably lose your fish.

With a little practice you can tell very easily when the fish has taken the lure. He'll telegraph you when he's ready and then you have a nice fight on your hands with light equipment.

While some of this fishing also is done with spoons, this is a fine place for free minnow fishing.

Use a bubble some 18 inches above your hook, with enough waterweight to carry it out.

Of course many fishermen sit on the banks with cane poles and use worms or drag spoons through the swift running water. Some of these catch fine strings of the whites or sandies.

Texas has a limit of 25 on sand bass. Oklahoma doesn't consider it a game fish and has revoked the limit. Still the fishermen are not able to catch them all.

Every large impoundment in Texas now has sand bass. They are lots of fun to catch.

Fishing for Blacks

Of course black bass also can be caught this time of the year. The process is not the same. While there are some plug casters who have just about as much luck in the winter, with top water plugs, as they do in the summer, generally the big ones dive deep and hit hard.

On Lake Texoma a few Sundays ago we watched two fishermen work around the Willow Springs Camp on the Oklahoma side. They used nothing but top water lures and caught a big string of blacks. Most of them were around a pound and a half, but some went as much as two pounds.

Some other Texoma fishermen have found they can use heavy salt water equipment, with Hellbenders or similar lures. These lures run real deep. With the heavy equipment the fisherman can jerk them loose from brush in the bottom of the lakes. They don't catch too many small fish, but occasionally they come up with some big lunkers.

A new lure also has been made. It looks like a long worm with hooks in it. A bass will take hold of the tail end of this lure and slowly suck it back into his big mouth. Don't jerk too quick. Be sure he's swallowed it.

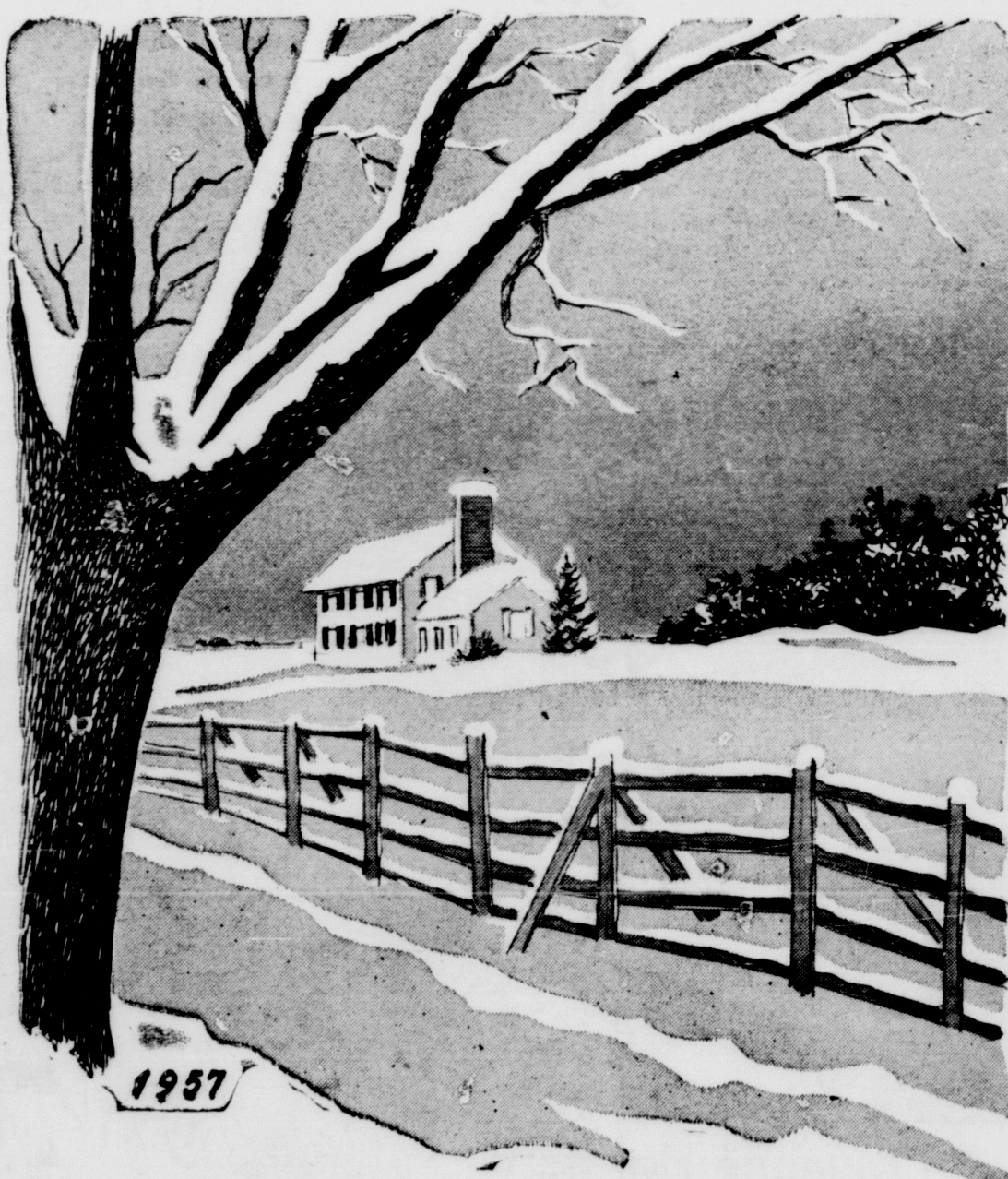
This artificial worm is a wonderful lure for either summer or winter fishing, if worked right. But it takes practice.

Yes sir, winter is a good month to go fishing. See you at the dam.



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Texaco Replaces Credit Cards With Plastic Cards

Residents of the Medina County area who hold Texaco credit cards are currently receiving plastic cards, which introduce the new Texaco Speed-Charge Service, one of the nation's latest credit systems, Mr. M. A. Zinsmeyer, Consignee, for the Texas Company at D'Hanis has announced. The new cards become effective January 1, 1958.

Mr. Zinsmeyer said that more than 2,700,000 cards are now in the mails, and the new system, adopted as a result of years of careful planning, represents the latest word in speed and efficiency. He said that the new system is of unique convenience to motorists because it is honored for credit purchases by more than 35,000 Texaco dealers every one of the 48 states and throughout Canada.

A time-saving feature of the new Texaco Speed-Charge Service is a streamlined imprinter used at the service station. This new device prints 80 per cent of the invoice in one quick motion, with precision and accuracy.

In addition, The Texas Company is installing a completely new system of electric-mechanical accounting equipment at New York, Chicago, Houston, and Los Angeles to process the more than 100,000,000 separate invoices that will result from Texaco credit card transactions during the coming year.

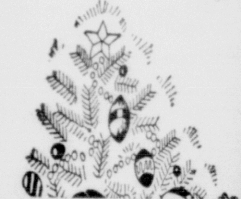


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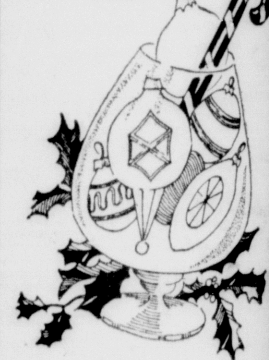
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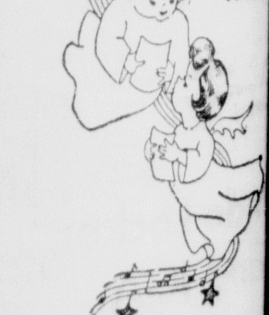
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Winter Driving Calls For Extra Care

You must see danger in order to avoid danger. This statement was made by Captain N. R. Smith, commander of the San Antonio district of the Texas Highway Patrol. Winter time brings more hours of darkness, frequent over-cast and fog conditions, rain, sleet, snow, slush-spattered windshields, and may other conditions that serve to reduce the distance you can see when driving in winter. Such things as windshield wipers, defrosters, brakes, tires, and lights should be checked before starting on a trip during the Christmas holiday period.

Too many of our traffic accidents are blamed on the weather, according to Smith. The three major items to be considered when driving are: The roadway, the vehicle, and the driver. Of these the driver is found to be the one upon whom most of the blame can be placed when accidents occur.

Driving Tips

In offering tips for all drivers the captain suggested the following:

1. Accept your responsibility as a driver, remember you are the only one who can avoid getting yourself into trouble.
2. Keep your windshield clean and your car in good mechanical condition.
3. Get the "feel" of the road before you get into heavy traffic.
4. Keep your speed to a reasonable speed and do not take undue chances.
5. Allow plenty of distance between you and the car ahead.
6. Watch the center stripe and keep to the right of it at all times.

Remember that alcohol and gasoline do not mix. "If you drink don't drive, if you drive don't drink."

Plan your holiday trip with plenty of rest stops and do not drive when you are fatigued or sleepy.

Keep alert for sudden emergencies.

Remember, the golden rule is a good rule to apply — even to driving!

More Patrolmen
Additional personnel will be working with the highway patrol during the holiday periods in order to hold accidents to a minimum. Last year the Christmas period included four fatal accidents, thirty-one injury accidents, fifty-three property damage accidents for a total of eighty-eight in the eighteen county district.

HOW THE MISTLETOE CAME TO BE A SIGN FOR KISSING

We decorate our homes with sprays of mistletoe at Christmas time, but few of us know the history of it as a Yuletide symbol. Pretty girls are kissed under it and a great deal of fun and nonsense are carried on apropos of it, but no one stops to think of how ancient a decoration it is or how sacred it was once thought to be. The ancient Celts in their Druidical religion had two great festivals, one in June and the other in December, the latter being equivalent to our Christmas. In both of these great festivals the gathering of the mistletoe was a sacred rite.

The Druids believed that a potion prepared from mistletoe would increase their flocks and against all poison. It was believed to be a curative for many ills in many remote places in Europe. In Lacanne, France, for example, it is always administered by the native dwellers as an antidote for poison.

In the northeast of Scotland people used to cut withes of mistletoe at the March full moon; these they bent in circles and kept for a year to cure fevers and other troubles. In Sweden on midsummer eve mistletoe is diligently sought after, the people believing it to be possessed of many mystic qualities, and that if a sprig of it is attached to the ceiling of the dwelling house, the horse's stall or the cow's crib, the trolls will then be powerless to injure either man or beast.

Many German peasants also consider the mistletoe a powerful charm against evil spirits. A similar belief seems to have lingered among the Romans. When Aeneas descended into Hades he gathered, to protect himself from the infernal powers, a branch of mistletoe, which Vergil calls the golden bough.

The custom of kissing under the mistletoe goes back to the days when Thor and Odin and all the other gods of the Northland walked and talked with men. Baldur, the son of Odin and Frigga, the Apollo of Scandinavian mythology, the flaxen-haired god of sunshine and its attendant blessings, was loved by all earthly and heavenly beings save one — Loki, the god of earthly fire and its attendant evils.

How of all the things animate and inanimate in the world, except the surly mistletoe, swore how Loki slew Baldur with a branch of it, has been told with beautiful poetic power by Matthew Arnold.

In conciliation, hoping to soothe the passionate sorrow of the mother, Frigga, they dedicated the mistletoe to her. And now sin and sorrow had hallowed it; for henceforth it was to grow, not as a symbol of bitterness and hatred, but as a sign of tenderness and love.

But the gods decreed that it was to stand for these things only so long as it touched not Loki's kingdom, the soil; and for this reason it is never seen growing on the ground and we ourselves always hang it high on the rafters or chandeliers. And now that it was the plant of love, the custom arose for enemies to become friends under the mistletoe; for lovers to pledge their troth beneath it; and for those who met there to kiss as a sign of affectionate fellowship.



GREETINGS
to All

May all the joy
which comes from
the true spirit
of Christmas be
yours through all
the New Year.

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School League Studies Science Incentive Contest

A proposed new science incentive contest in the University Interscholastic League's Schedule of competitions is under consideration by a sub-committee of the League's rules-making body, the legislative council.

On behalf of the Texas Academy of Science, a three-man committee appeared before the legislative council at its annual meeting and outlined a plan for an objective science test at the district, regional and state levels. The contest would be designed to stimulate independent scientific reading by outstanding students and help develop abilities to read, understand and apply problem-solving techniques.

The proposal was made by Dr. Wayne Taylor, Alan Humphreys and John Wagner of the University of Texas Division of Extension science teaching improvement program.

The League, meanwhile, has published a completely new "Beginners' Slide Rule Manual" to keep pace with increased participation in the slide rule contest, up 116.6 per cent since 1953. The new manual will aid slide rule coaches in preparing contestants for competition.

STORY OF THE TREE

We are told that the fir tree goes back to Eve, but it was not until the time of Martin Luther that the evergreen was used as an indoor decoration in celebration of Christmas.

It is said that Luther one Christmas Eve wandered through the woods and became enamored with the wonder of the night. He cut a small snow-laden fir tree and set it up in his home for his children. He illuminated it with candles to represent the stars.

It was not until Christmas 1604 that, in Strassbourg, the first Christmas tree appeared in literature.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Bohemian: Vesela Vanoce
Czech: Stansi Vanoce
Dutch: Gelukkig Kerstmis
Finnish: Hauskaa Joulua
French: Joyeux Noel!
German: Frohliche Weihnacht.
Greek: Kala Christougenna
Italian: Buon Natale
Norwegian: Glaedelig Jul
Polish: Wesoly Swiat Bozego Narodzenia
Romanian: La multiani ou Sanataste
Russian: Dudushka Moroz
Spanish: Felices Pascuas
Swedish: God Jul
Chinese: Hsi Lo Yeh So Chiang Sheng Jih!

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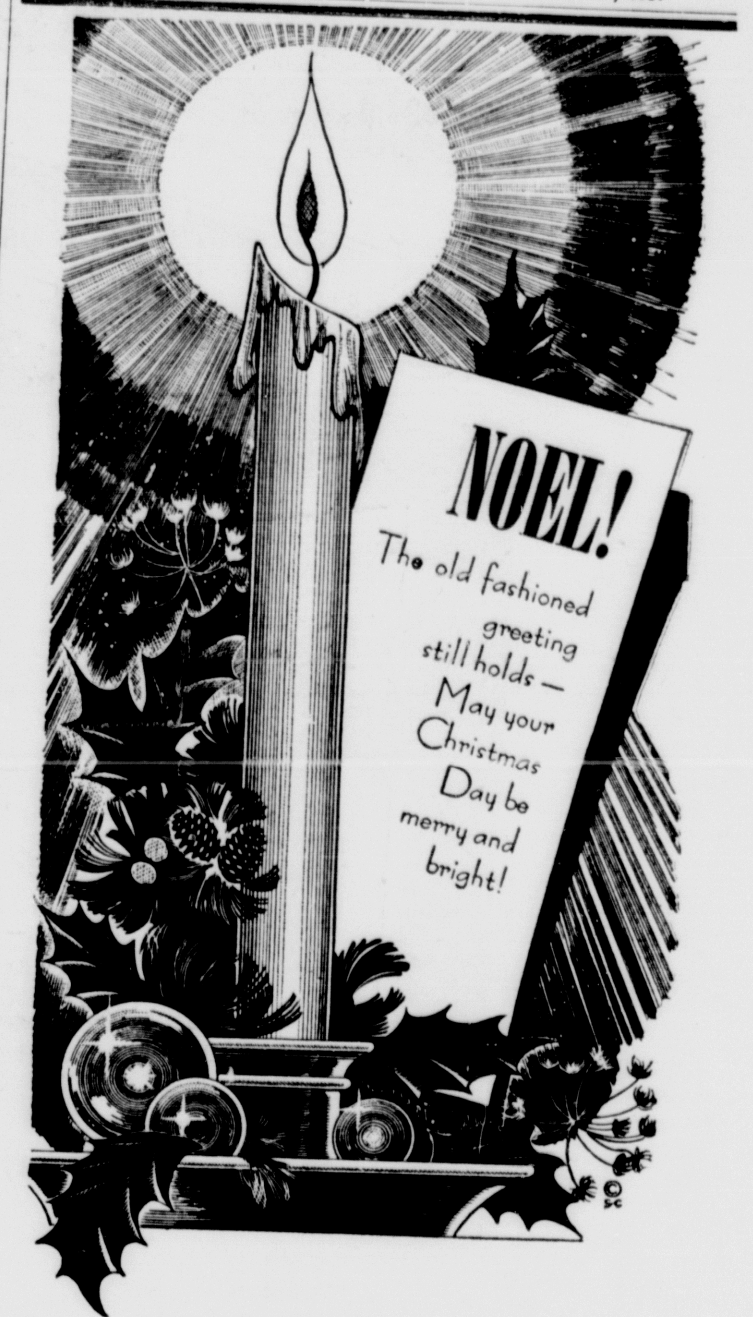
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In December 1956, accidents on the streets and highways killed 252 persons in Texas, and 108 died in the Christmas holiday period. This year's Christmas holiday forecast is 113 deaths — and traffic during this critical period is expected to be heavier than ever before.

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BRUNO SCHWEERS

Milk Punch Party

held Friday, 20th

W. T. Hardy and Mrs. Schuele entertained Friday afternoon in the Hardy home a milk punch party.

Floral arrangements Christmas decorations were in the dining room, living room and den.

Assisting the hostesses in serving were Mrs. Homer Wilson, Jerome Zinsmeyer and Mrs. Hardy of Devine. Refreshments were served in both dining room and den.

Young Women Urged To Try For Scholarships

Young women graduates of high school are invited to participate in competitive examinations in mid-January, 1958, to see if they can qualify for half-tuition scholarships. There are 70 such scholarships made available through a contribution of Dudley T. Dougherty of Hondo.

Details may be had from Mr. Incarnate Word College, San Antonio, Texas.

Season's Greetings



In the traditional manner, we wish for you a happy holiday.

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The blessings of friendship and loyalty are the very essence of the Spirit of Christmas ... and so, at this joyous and heartwarming season we want to wish all of our many friends the richest of life's treasures—peace, good health and happiness.

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BABY BAPTIZED 13TH

Nancy Teresa Dannemiller, daughter of Lt. and Mrs. Leo M. Dannemiller, was baptized on December 13th at Saint John's church. The service was conducted by the Rev. Harold Ehlinger. Nancy's sponsors were Mrs. Roland Eckhart and George Farmemiller.

The Farmemillers are visiting her parents, M&M Arnold Zerr, and will go to Ft. Knox, Ky., on Dec. 28th.

Vocational Ag Boys

Take Tour; Make Gifts

The Vocational Agriculture Classes have been busy the past two weeks studying poultry and doing wood-work in the Vocational Agriculture farm shop.

The Voc. Agri. I class took a field trip last week to the Mumme Poultry farm. Mumme conducted them on a tour of his laying houses, chick brooding houses and egg washing-packing room. One of the highlights of this tour was seeing the 3000 bird laying

house with automatic waterers and feeders.

The class was told that the electric time clock starts the motors that carry the feed out into the laying house four times each 24 hours. The motor is shut off when the feed reaches a certain level in the feeding trough. This works on the same basis as our electric water pressure pumps.

Lights are turned on by time clock at 4:00 a.m. so the hens can go to work. Mumme is getting about 55 percent production at present but expects an increase in production in a few weeks.

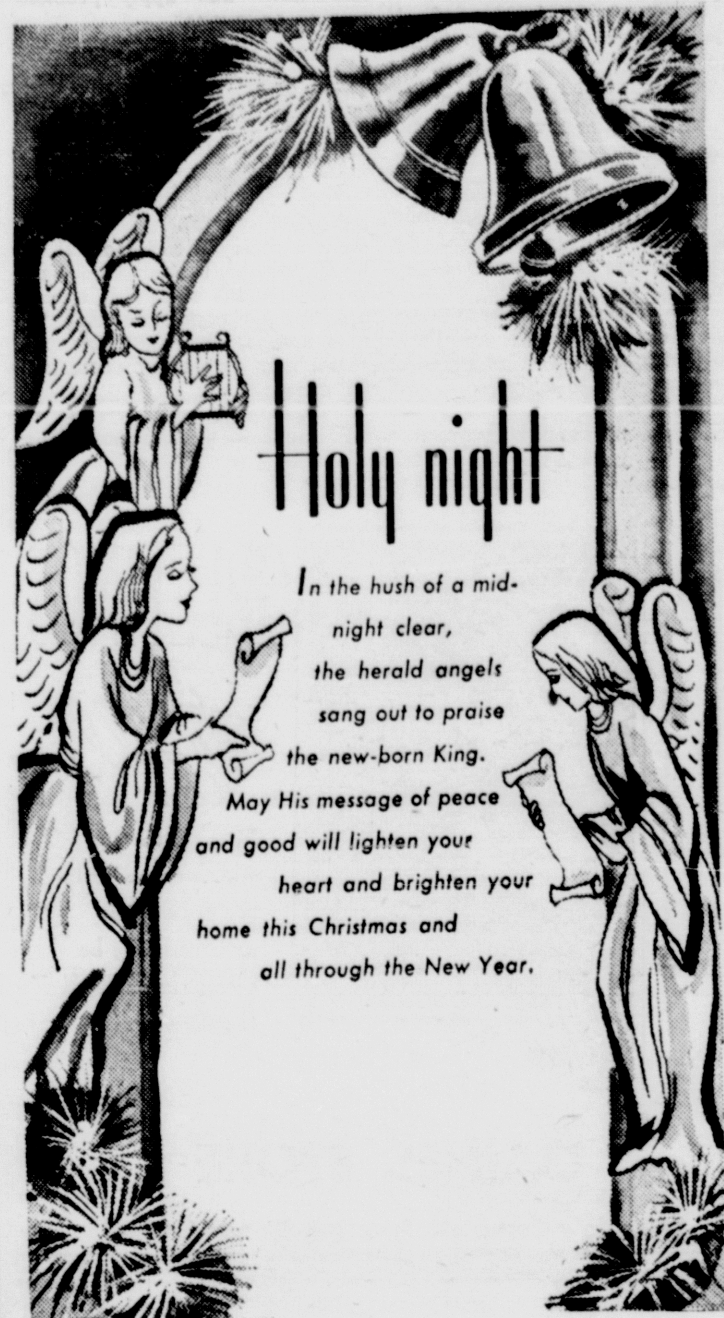
The started pullet brooder tile houses are heated by butane gas. The new egg washing machine saves time and gives a cleaner egg. One basket of eggs can be washed in a couple of minutes. Mr. Mumme has better than 6000 laying and breeding hens on his farm at present with White Leghorns and White Rock breeding stock.

Christmas Presents

The boys in Voc. Agri. class II and III have been working in shop for the past three weeks, but some of the boys were not able to complete their shop projects for Christmas presents as they had planned. The group selected a wider range of shop projects than in previous years. There were 24 boys in shop three or four periods a day with nearly everyone working on his own shop project. The Shop projects were made of red cedar, white pine, yellow pine and old bridge timbers. Several cattle salt troughs were built of heavy bridge timbers. They should last for a long time.

One boy built a cattle squeeze chute and three cattle feeding troughs and a yard gate. Another boy mounted two sets of deer horns, made a gun rack and re-finished a clothes chest. Two built hog self-feeders, while another built a goat hay feeding rack.

Other items made were 6 coffee or end tables of white pine and red cedar; 7 cedar Lamps; two gun cabinets with glass doors; a magazine rack; a row marker and a new hitch for a packer to be pulled behind the planter; a heavy duty book case and glass door for a gun case made in shop last year.



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Mrs. Weiblen, 91, Dies On Monday

Mrs. Anna Weiblen, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harm Balzen, passed away Dec. 16, 1937, at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Halty in Castroville.

Born Sept. 15, 1856 at the Upper Quihi community, she was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Quihi. She was married to Gustav Weiblen Jan. 26, 1889, who preceded her in death Oct. 25, 1919. She reached the age of 91 years 3 months.

She is survived by one son, Fritz Weiblen, three daughters, Mrs. Robert Halty, Mrs. George Balzen and Mrs. Otto Lindeberg, all of Medina Co.; one brother, Ben Balzen of Comfort; two sisters, Mrs. Antje Meyer and Mrs. F. F. Mumme, Hondo; 11 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. She was a life long member of the Lutheran church also a member of the Missionary Society.

Funeral services were held at Zion Lutheran Church, Castroville. Interment was in Zion Lutheran cemetery No. 2.

Pallbearers were: Clyde Jarison, James Biediger, Elton Lindenburg, Herbert Weiblen, Milton Balzen and Arthur Weiblen.

Study Heredity As Related To Cancer

Dr. Clarence P. Oliver, University of Texas geneticist, is collecting family histories of cancer patients in an effort to determine what part heredity plays in causing cancer.

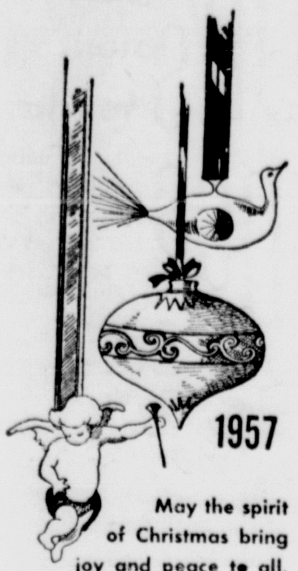
His studies up to now indicate that a hereditary basis exists for cancer to occur at specific organs in some families. Dr. Oliver has been concentrating on tracing the hereditary line in stomach and breast cancer cases.

Susceptibility to cancer (specific organs) is inherited certain families and in branches of families, he said. However, environment may be responsible for variations in age of onset.

Dr. Oliver said geneticists do not believe a "wild gene" or possible hormone disbalance cause cancer.



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EVERYDAY HABITS CAN PLAY HAVOC WITH TEETH

Opening bottles with your teeth may make you the life of the party but it won't give you the sturdiest teeth in town.

People often damage their teeth using them for such unlikely purposes. In fact, dental authorities can count at least 36 everyday habits that a great many Americans practice in one degree or another that are injurious to mouth tissue.

For example, the habit of biting pensively on ear loops of glasses can be an important factor in teeth migration — moving out of position, dentists point out.

Chewing on pencil or pen during moments of concentration is almost an occupational hazard for bookkeepers and stenographers. Dentists report considerable erosion of teeth among people in those professions.

Upholsterers, carpenters, and shoe makers who hold nails between their teeth invariably suffer from bad tooth conditions, dentists have found.

Biting on matches and tooth picks, abnormal tongue pressures against teeth, lip and cheek biting and continued clenching of teeth to control emotions all may have their adverse effects.

Also listed as detrimental to teeth and gums is the practice among women of using their

teeth to open bobby pins. Another is the habit of cupping chin in hands while reading or watching television. It causes side pressure that may harm teeth or jaws.

Among children the habit most detrimental to teeth is thumb sucking. However, most authorities agree it will not cause improper teeth alignment providing it is stopped by age four or five.

Related to thumb sucking is the use of pacifiers. Dentists strongly recommend against both pacifiers and nursing bottles after age six, since they are likely to cause protrusion of front teeth and a narrowing of the dental arch.

A sleeping habit known as "pillowing" may lead to incorrect closure of teeth. This is the habit some people — mostly children — have of sleeping with cheek on fist, forcing the lower jaw out of natural alignment.

Ever experience obscure headaches, tenderness at the temples, or tenseness in your face muscles? These might be signs of faulty closure of opposing teeth which is reflected in mouth tissue. Faulty closure is often aggravated by poor dental health habits which can be broken if you try.

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Every 20 Minutes Someone Loses Sight

The irreplaceable gift of sight is being lost to one American every 20 minutes.

If that figure — estimated by the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness — holds true for all population segments throughout the United States, it means four Texans are being visited by sightlessness every day.

Even as you read this, some man, woman, or child is standing on the brink of a life of permanent darkness, about to join the 300,000 Americans who are already enduring the bleak enormity of blindness.

More than 14,000 of the 300,000 Americans currently blind are Texans, according to official estimates.

What causes blindness? There are three major contributing factors: disease, accidents, neglect.

Blindness brought on through neglect really is no worse than that caused by an accident or disease. But somehow it seems worse. It's so unnecessary.

If all children were given a thorough eye examination prior to entering school for the first time, and if all visual defects were corrected or placed under treatment at that time, a major step in the prevention of blindness in childhood would be taken.

But a single examination is not enough. A child grows quickly. His eyes, like every other body organ, are constantly changing. Sometimes the change is a defect.

At least half of all cases of blindness occurring from year to year could be prevented through use of the sight-saving knowledge at hand. For example, some 300,000 industrial accidents occur each year, 1500 of them resulting in permanent blindness. The mere use of goggles would cut these figures to negligible proportions.

As far as disease-caused blindness is concerned, modern surgical methods now restore or improve vision in 19 of 20 cases of cataract, the leading cause of blindness in the United States.

When parents or teachers observe a child holding reading matter closer than the normal 14 inches from his face, tilting his head while reading, or constantly blinking all responsible health authorities agree it should be interpreted as a sign of impending eye trouble.

Other conditions which may indicate eye trouble are crossed eyes, frequent styes and headaches, red-rimmed or encrusted eyelids, or persistent watering of either eye.

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Merry Christmas



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NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS OF THE MEDINA COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, MEDINA COUNTY, TEXAS.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Medina County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 in Medina County, Texas, on Tuesday Jan. 14, 1958 between the hours of 8 o'clock a.m. and 7 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of electing TWO (2) directors for said District, the Medina County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1.

The TWO (2) directors elected at such election shall serve for a term of TWO (2) Years each. Notice of candidacy for such office must be filed with the secretary of said district in the District Office in the Lacoste National Bank Bldg., LaCoste Texas, not later than Dec. 28, 1957.

The polling place of said election will be the V.F.W. Hall in LaCoste Texas, and the following persons have been appointed officers of said election:

Rud. D. Bippert, Presiding Judge

Louis Gross, Clerk.

Mat Jungman, associate judge

Issued on this the 14th day of December, 1957, pursuant to an order passed by the Board of Directors of the Medina County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 of Medina County, Texas, on the 14th day of December, 1957.

Adolph H. Ahr - President of the Board of Directors, Medina County Water Control and Imp. D. No. 1.

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A. P. Parma, secretary, Board of Directors Medina County Water Control & Imp. D. No. 1 (3tc52)

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"SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT"—these Boy Scouts of the Methodist sponsored troop went caroling for an hour Monday night. Greg Pedroza Jr., back to camera, directed the singing. The boys were ac-

companied by their Scoutmaster, Tom Kuykendall, back row to the right, and Assistant Scoutmaster, Kenneth Clapham, back row, center.

--Staff Photo

City Of Castroville Deeds Land For Plant

A real estate transaction filed in the County Clerk's office at the court house last week concerns the City of Castroville deeding property along the river in their town to Dell Produce Company of San Antonio and plans for construction of a \$20,000 carrot packing plant have been announced by Dell Smith of Dell Produce.

The plant site is a 400x160 ft. tract on Highway 90 at the Medina river. It was donated by the city of Castroville and the Castroville Chamber of Commerce contingent upon construction of the plant within the next 12 months.

To Build Soon

Smith said some preliminary clearing work already had been done on the site and he expected to start construction work shortly after Jan. 1.

The building will be 110x160 ft., he said. Initially, he expects only to cell-pack carrots. The plant, he added, would have a capacity of about 50,000 bags a day. Smith said:

"We will have about 80 employees working in the shed

which we expect to operate the year around."

Field Work

Field work during the carrot season would give employment to another 150. The carrot season here lasted about six months he said. During the remainder of the year carrots would be brought in for processing and packaging be added.

Associated as junior partners with Smith in the Dell Produce co., are his son, Allan Smith, and son-in-law, Hayes O'Quinn.

HERBY WILSON WOUNDED NEAR YANCEY SATURDAY

YANCEY — Herby Wilson, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Notter, Hondo, was wounded late Saturday afternoon when a gun went off at the Roy Wilson home near Yancey.

After emergency treatment in Hondo, he was taken to San Antonio where he underwent surgery. Monday morning he was getting along fine.

Methodists To Begin On Building Program

Original plans and specifications may be completed within a week for the new educational building to be built by Hondo Methodists. Something new in building in the Hondo area will be used on the construction of the plant — a lift-slab type construction.

This has been used frequently

on new business buildings in San Antonio. By this method, the second floor slab is poured, then raised by jacks to its permanent position. The economy of this method offers a practical solution to securing a large building at less cost than conventional type building.

The local church plans to complete the downstairs of the building, except for an unfinished kitchen, but the upstairs will be simply a shell, for the time being. The downstairs will be usable for classes now meeting in the old parsonage.

The new plant is to be located between the church and new parsonage on the approximate location of the old parsonage.

The Official Board went on record in November as unanimously recommending that the Building Committee take immediate steps toward securing the building, and the church congregation voted shortly after that in favor of proceeding with the project.

Justice Court

Victor A. Drew, speeding, \$15.
Y. S. Chung, pass. in no-pass zone, \$1.

R. S. Harrison, No registration papers, \$5.

H. R. Stokes, speeding, \$10.

O. L. Vieyra, speeding, \$10.

H. D. Timpleton, speeding, \$10.

Isabel Jaurez, drunk in public place, \$5.

Dorn Ethrege, drunk in public place, \$5.

Russell L. Sarchet, drunk in public place, \$5.

Getter Crow, drunk in public place, \$100 fine.

R. C. Thompson, speeding, \$10.

Ramon Carrasco, drunk in public place, \$5.

Victor Garcia, drunk in public place, \$5.

Dave Davis, minor possessing beer, fined \$10.

A. S. Knause, drunk in public place, \$5.

Arthur Torres, no operators license, \$5.

E. G. Rivera, drunk in public place, \$5.

Louis P. Silvia, drunk in public place, \$5.

A. O. Nira, drunk in public place, \$5.

F. G. Mares, minor possessing and drinking beer, \$10.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Guadalupe Aguinaga and Maria Rosario Garcia.
Charles Martin Schulze and Linda Lou Ferguson.
Jimmie Levine Leazenby and Constance Eloise Schweers.
Nelson Fredrick Bippert and Norma Gaye Griggs.

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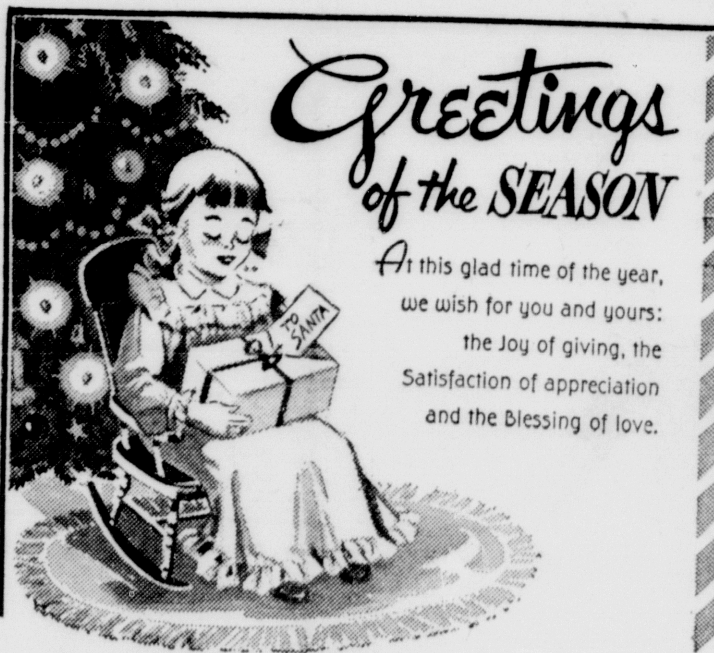


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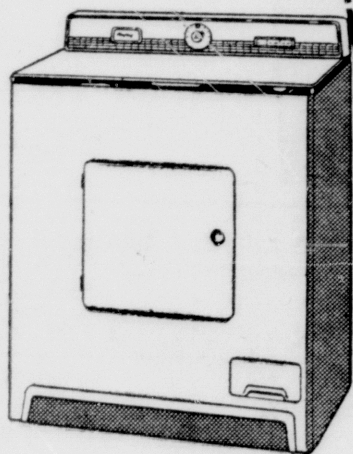
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